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In response to applicant's telephone inquiry dated 3/16/06 regarding the last Office action, the following corrective action is taken.

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17-19, 23, 24 and 26 have benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/001,081, filed 12 July 1995, as evidenced by the prosecution history (See page 16, paragraph 17, of the Office Action dated 10/4/2004).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William H. Beisner whose telephone number is 571-272-1269. The examiner can normally be reached on Tues. to Fri. and alt. Mon. from 6:15am to 3:45pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gladys J. Corcoran can be reached on 571-272-1214. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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